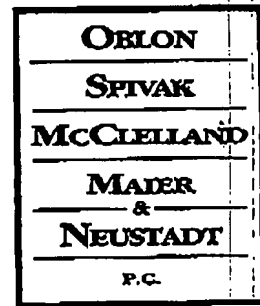


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## Notice of Rejection

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-382125

Examiner: Nozomu Baba

Attorney: Osamu HATORI

Provisions to be applied: Article 29, Paragraph 2

This application is ruled to be rejected for the following reasons. Response to this Notice, if any, shall be filed within 60 days from the mailing date of this Notice.

### REASONS

The inventions recited in the below-mentioned claims of this application are recognized to be such that they could have easily been accomplished by any person having common knowledge in this technical field to which such inventions belong, on the basis of the inventions described in the following reference circulated within Japan or foreign countries or made available to the public through electronic telecommunication lines prior to the filing date, and therefore, to be ineligible for patent in accordance with the provisions of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Patent Law.

### REMARKS

#### Claims 1-4

#### References 1, 2

A cleaning sheet described in Fig. 5(a) and the paragraph number [0021] of Reference 1 is to be used by removing a part of a wiping layer 3 which is obliquely removable with respect to the directions to the front, the rear, the left, and the right of the head of the cleaning tool. Therefore, it can be said that the recesses which are opened by removing the wiping layer 3 are impenetrable from the opposite directions.

Similarly, it can be said that the cleaning sheet disclosed in Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 of Reference 1 is impenetrable from the directions to the front and the rear.

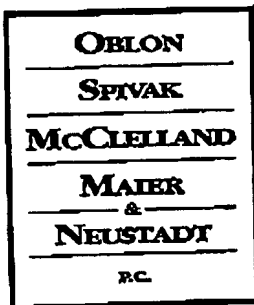
It is described in Fig. 7 and the paragraph number [0017] of Reference 2 to provide a pointed or curved shape projecting between borders of adjacent two of the recesses. A skilled person in the art can easily apply this teaching of Reference 2 to the invention described in Reference 1 to thereby obtain the invention in relation to claims 1 to 4 of this application. In addition, it is easy for a skilled person in the art to make the wiping sheet double-sided reversible.

In addition, a double-sided reversible cleaning sheet is a well-known idea in the art.

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